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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : IG Survey of the National Photographic  
Interpretation Center

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1. I have been briefed on the IG Survey of the National Photographic Interpretation Center and on the DD/I's comments on its recommendations. I note with pleasure the IG's recognition of the high esteem in which NPIC and its product are held throughout senior levels of the U. S. Government. I am fully aware that, in addition to its substantive work, this is in great part due to the exceptional talent of the Director of NPIC, Mr. Lundahl, and the efficiency of its Executive Director, [ ] I consider the collaboration represented in DIA's participation in NPIC a significant example of the type of collaboration which I would hope to see repeated elsewhere in the intelligence community.

2. The IG quite properly made a number of detailed recommendations for improvements in NPIC. I note with pleasure the DD/I's positive reaction to almost all of these, and I concur, as does the IG, with the few to which the DD/I takes exception. On Recommendation No. 1, I concur that the DD/I initially prosecute an "administrative" approach to improving the workings of the National Tasking Plan and the relationships between NPIC and EXSUBCOM. At the same time, I should like to have a report from the DD/I on 1 July 1973 of progress through this approach so that the alternative of opening this subject with USIB could be considered at that time if the administrative approach has not produced sufficient improvement. ←

3. This action will close this Survey, subject to the comments above.

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Director

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cc: DD/I

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